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THE CITIZENSHIP RULES, 1956

S.R.O. 1574.—In exercise of the powers conferred by section 18 of the Citizenship Act, 1955 (57 of 1955), the Central Government hereby makes the following rules, namely:—

PART I—PRELIMINARY

1. Short title and commencement.—(1) These rules may be called the Citizenship Rules, 1956.

(2) They shall come into force at once.

2. Definitions.—In these rules, unless the context otherwise requires,—

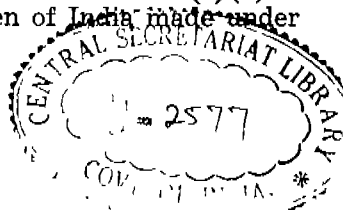
- (a) the “Act” means the Citizenship Act, 1955 (57 of 1955);
- (b) “Collector” means in the Presidency-town of Bombay, Calcutta or Madras, the Collector thereof, and elsewhere the chief officer-in-charge of the revenue-administration of a district, and includes such other officer as the Central Government may, by notification in the Official Gazette, appoint to perform the functions of the Collector under these Rules in respect of any area;
- (c) “Form” means a form in Schedule I;
- (d) “Schedule” means a Schedule to these Rules;
- (e) “Secretary” means the Secretary or a Joint Secretary to the Government of India in the Ministry of Home Affairs;
- (f) “section” means a section of the Act.

PART II—CITIZENSHIP OF INDIA BY REGISTRATION

3. Form of application for registration under section 5(1)(a).—

(1) An application for registration as a citizen of India made under section 5(1)(a) shall be in Form I.

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(2) The oath of allegiance given at the end of the Form shall be affirmed (or sworn), subscribed and attested before making the application.

4. Form of application for registration under section 5(1)(c).—

(1) An application by a woman for registration as a citizen of India made under section 5(1)(c) shall be in Form II and shall be accompanied by documentary evidence to show that the applicant has renounced or lost the citizenship of her country in accordance with the law in force therein or by an undertaking in writing that she will renounce that citizenship in the event of her application being sanctioned.

(2) The oath of allegiance given at the end of the Form shall be affirmed (or sworn), subscribed and attested before making the application.

(3) An application under sub-rule (1) shall not lie unless for one year immediately before the date of application, the applicant—

(a) has resided in India; or

(b) has been in the service of a Government in India.

Explanation.—In computing the period of one year, broken periods of residence and service under clauses (a) and (b) may be taken into account.

5. Form of application for registration under section 5(1)(d).—An application for the registration of a minor child of a citizen of India as a citizen thereof made under section 5(1)(d) shall be in Form III and shall include the following particulars, that is to say—

(a) a statement whether the applicant is a parent or guardian of the child, and, if he is a guardian, how he became a guardian;

(b) a statement showing that each of the parents of the child is, or, if deceased, was at the time of death, a citizen of India;

(c) a statement of the reasons for which it is desired that the child should be registered as a citizen of India.

6. Form of application for registration under section 5(4).—An application for the registration of a minor child as a citizen of India made under section 5(4) shall be in Form IV and shall include the particulars specified in clauses (a) and (c) of rule 5.

7. Authority to which application is to be made.—An application for registration shall be made to the Collector within whose jurisdiction the applicant is ordinarily resident.

8. Authority to register as citizens.—The authority to register a person as a citizen of India under section 5(1)(a) or section 5(1)(d) shall be the Collector, and in any other case under these Rules, the Central Government.

9. Collector to make inquiries before registration.—The Collector shall, before registering a person under section 5(1)(a), satisfy himself that the person—

- (a) is of Indian origin and has been actually resident in India for six months immediately preceding the date of application;
- (b) has close connections in India;
- (c) has an intention to make India his permanent home;
- (d) has signed the oath of allegiance as prescribed in the form of application;
- (e) is of good character and is otherwise a fit and proper person to be registered as a citizen of India.

10. Certificate of registration to be granted to persons registered.—(1) Every person who is registered as a citizen of India under section 5(1)(a) or section 5(1)(d) shall be issued a certificate of registration in Form V.

(2) Every person who is registered as a citizen of India under section 5(1)(c) or section 5(4) shall be issued a certificate of registration in Form VI.

(3) When a certificate of citizenship is issued under sub-rule (1) or sub-rule (2), a duplicate copy thereof shall be prepared and preserved for record by the issuing authority.

11. Register of persons registered under section 5(1)(a), to be kept by each Collector.—There shall be kept by each Collector—

- (a) a register containing the names of persons registered as citizens of India under section 5(1)(a), in Form VII—PART I;
- (b) a register containing the names of minor children registered as citizens of India under section 5(1)(d), in Form VIII—PART I;
- (c) a register containing the names of persons whose applications for registration as citizens of India under section 5(1)(a) have been rejected in Form VII—Part II;
- (d) a register containing the names of the minor children whose applications for registration as citizens of India under section 5(1)(d) have been rejected, in Form VIII—PART II.

12. Register of persons registered under sections 5(1)(c) and 5(4).—There shall be kept by the Central Government in the Ministry of Home Affairs:—

- (a) a register containing the names of the women registered as citizens of India under section 5(1)(c) in Form IX;
- (b) a register containing the names of the children registered as citizens of India under section 5(4) in Form X.

13. Manner of making entries in register.—All entries made in the registers kept under rule 11 and rule 12 shall be numbered consecutively, and each entry shall relate to one person only.

14. Copies of entries in register to be sent quarterly to Home Ministry.—Before the last day of April, July, October, and January of each year, the Collector shall transmit to the Secretary, in Form XI, a copy each of all the entries made during the three months ending with March, June, September or December, as the case may be, in registers kept by him and such copy shall be certified by that authority to be correct under his hand and seal.

15. Maintenance of register and connected papers.—(1) Every entry made in the register kept under rule 11 and rule 12, shall be authenticated after a person is registered as a citizen of India.

(2) The registers and all papers connected with every application shall be preserved for permanent record.

16. Action to be taken when application for registration under section 5(1)(a) or 5(1)(d) is refused.—When an application for registration under section 5(1)(a) or section 5(1)(d) is refused, the registering authority shall without delay inform the applicant of the order passed by it on the application.

PART III—NATURALISATION AND RESUMPTION OF INDIAN CITIZENSHIP

17. Form of application for naturalisation.—(1) An application for a certificate of naturalisation shall be made to the Secretary in Form XII.

(2) Such application shall be accompanied by—

- (i) duly stamped affidavits from the applicant and two respectable Indian citizens testifying to the character of the applicant and the correctness of the statements made in the application; and
- (ii) a certificate to the effect that the applicant has an adequate knowledge of one of the languages specified in the Eighth Schedule to the Constitution.

18. Form of certificate of naturalisation.—A certificate of naturalisation shall be in Form XIII and shall be signed by the Secretary.

(2) There shall be kept by the Central Government in the Ministry of Home Affairs a register in Form XIV containing the names of persons to whom certificates of naturalisation are granted under this rule.

19. Oath of allegiance for purpose of naturalisation.—(1) The oath of allegiance required by section 6(2) to be taken by a person to whom a certificate of naturalisation is granted shall be subscribed and attested in Form XIII and as so subscribed and attested shall be endorsed on the certificate of naturalisation to which it relates.

(2) The oath of allegiance required as aforesaid shall be taken within one calendar month of the date of the certificate of naturalisation to which it relates, or within such extended time as the authority which granted the certificate may permit, and if the oath is not taken within the said time, the certificate shall have no effect;

Provided that permission shall not be deemed to have been given under this sub-rule unless a statement to that effect is endorsed on the certificate and signed by a person authorised by rule 18 to sign a certificate of naturalisation.

(3) The oath of allegiance required as aforesaid shall be registered by such person and in such place as the authority which grants the certificate may direct.

(4) When the oath of allegiance is registered in accordance with any direction given under sub-rule (3), the authority which registers it shall cause a copy of the oath and of the certificate of naturalisation to which it relates to be sent to the Secretary.

20. Declaration of intention to resume Indian citizenship.—(1) A declaration of intention to resume citizenship under the proviso to section 8(2) shall be in Form XV, and the oath of allegiance in that Form shall be duly subscribed and attested.

(2) Every such declaration shall be registered in the Ministry of Home Affairs of the Government of India.

(3) No such declaration shall be registered unless the declarant has taken the oath of allegiance given at the end of the Form.

(4) There shall be kept by the Central Government in the Ministry of Home Affairs a register in Form XVI containing the names of persons whose declaration of intention to resume Indian citizenship are registered under this rule.

PART IV—RENUNCIATION AND DEPRIVATION OF CITIZENSHIP OF INDIA

21. Declaration of renunciation of citizenship.—(1) A declaration of renunciation of citizenship of India made under section 8(1) shall be in Form XVII, and shall state—

(a) under what provisions of law the applicant is an Indian citizen; and

(b) the circumstances in which the applicant is also a foreign citizen or national.

(2) The declaration shall be registered in the Ministry of Home Affairs of the Government of India.

(3) There shall be kept by the Central Government in the Ministry of Home Affairs a register in Form XVIII containing the names of persons whose declaration of intention to renounce citizenship are registered under this rule.

22. Notice of proposed deprivation of citizenship.—(1) When it is proposed to make an order under section 10 depriving a person of his citizenship of India, notice under sub-section (4) of that section shall be given—

(a) in a case where that person's whereabouts are known, by causing the notice to be delivered to him personally or by sending it to him by post;

(b) in a case where that person's whereabouts are not known, by sending it to his last known address.

(2) Where the Central Government has given notice as aforesaid and the person to whom it is given has the right on making application therefor to have his case referred to a Committee of Inquiry under section 10(5), the application shall be made—

(a) if that person is in India at the time when the notice is given to him, within three months from the giving of the notice;

(b) in any other case, within such time not being less than three months from the giving of the notice, as the Central Government may determine;

Provided that the Central Government may in special circumstances at any time extend the time within which the application may be made.

(3) Any notice given in accordance with the provisions of this rule shall, in a case in which the person to whom it is given has the right, on making application therefor, to have his case referred to a Committee of Inquiry under section 10(5), include a statement of the time within which such application must be made.

23. Order depriving a person of Indian citizenship to be published.—An order depriving a citizen of India of the citizenship of India shall be published in the Gazette of India.

24. Cancellation of certificate of naturalisation in case of deprivation of citizenship.—(1) Where an order has been made depriving a person naturalised in India of his citizenship of India, the person so deprived or any other person in possession of the relevant certificate of naturalisation shall, if required by notice in writing given by the Central Government, deliver up the said certificate to such person and within such time as may be specified in the notice.

(2) (a) If the said certificate is so delivered, it shall be cancelled.

(b) If the said certificate is not so delivered, the Central Government shall direct that it shall be treated as cancelled, but without prejudice to any action which may be taken under sub-rule (3).

(3) If any person fails to comply with any notice given under sub-rule (1), he shall be punishable with fine which may extend to one thousand rupees.

25. Committee to follow procedure in Schedule II in holding inquiry.—A Committee of Inquiry appointed under section 10 shall, while holding the inquiry under sub-section (6) of that section, follow the procedure laid down in Schedule II.

PART V—SUPPLEMENTAL

26. Variations in form of application or declaration.—Where a person wishes to make an application or declaration under any of these Rules and the form referred to in the rule is, in the opinion of the Central Government or other authority to whom the application is to be sent for registration, unsuitable to the particular case, the Central Government or that other authority, as the case may be, may authorise the application or declaration being made in some other form.

27. Certificate of citizenship in case of doubt.—A certificate of citizenship in case of doubt issued under section 13 shall be in Form VI and shall be signed by the Secretary.

28. Persons before whom application or declaration may be made or by whom oath of allegiance may be administered.—An application or declaration made in accordance with these Rules shall not be accepted or registered and the oath of allegiance required by section 5(2) or section 6(2) shall be of no effect unless it is signed in the presence of or administered by one of the following persons:—

(i) In India—

The Collector, Deputy Commissioner, District Magistrate or any other person for the time being authorised by law, in the place where the applicant, declarant, or deponent is, to administer an oath for any judicial or other legal purposes;

(ii) Elsewhere—

any Consular officer as defined in rule 2(d) of the Citizens (Registration at Indian Consulates) Rules, 1956:

Provided that if the applicant, declarant or deponent is serving in India in the naval, military or air forces of the Union the application or declaration may be signed in the presence of, or the oath administered, by any officer holding a commission in any of these forces.

29. Certification of documents.—A document may be certified to be a true copy of a document by means of a statement in writing to that effect signed by any of the persons before whom the application or declaration may be made or by whom the oath of allegiance may be administered.

30. Authority to determine acquisition of citizenship of another country.—(1) If any question arises as to whether, when or how any person has acquired the citizenship of another country, the authority to determine such question shall, for the purposes of section 9(2), be the Central Government.

(2) The Central Government shall in determining any such question have due regard to the rules of evidence specified in Schedule III.

31. Fees.—(1) The fees specified in Schedule IV shall be levied and collected in respect of the matters referred to in that Schedule:

Provided that no fee shall be levied and collected in respect of any of the said matters from a person of Indian origin who makes an application under section 5(1) (a) or section 5(1) (d).

(2) Of the fee payable in respect of the grant of a certificate of naturalisation, a sum of Rs. 15 shall be payable on the submission of the application for a certificate and shall in no circumstances be refunded and the balance shall be payable on the receipt of the decision to grant a certificate.

SCHEDULE I

[See rule 2(c)]

This form when completed should be forwarded in duplicate to the local registering authority (of the place where the applicant is residing).

FORM I

(See rule 3)

CITIZENSHIP ACT, 1955, SECTION 5(1) (a)

Application for registration as a citizen of India under section 5(1) (a) of the Act made by a person of Indian origin.

PART I

1. I, A-B of [here insert address of applicant showing village or town, Police Station, and name of the State] am of full age and capacity and was born at (with Tehsil, District, and Province or State) on_____
2. My father's full name is/was.....
and he was born at.....
3. My mother's full name is/was.....and she
was born at.....on.....
4. I am single/married/a widower/a widow/divorced/from my wife/
husband.
5. My wife's/husband's full name is/was.....
6. My age on the date of the application is.....
7. Marks of identification :—
8. (a) I am ordinarily resident in India and have been so resident for the
six months immediately preceding the date of application :

[Here state the addresses at which the applicant was ordinarily resident during the past six months, with dates in each case.]

(b) I am in the service of a Government in India :

[Here state the name and the department in which the applicant is employed, whether the Department forms part of the Government of India, or a State Government, the capacity in which the applicant is employed and the date of his or her appointment.]

9. Profession or occupation other than Government service :

[Here state details regarding designation, name and address of employer, station of posting, etc.]

10. Passport particulars, if any :—

(a) Number.

(b) Place and date of issue.

(c) Name of issuing authority.

11. Particulars of visa, if any, held by the applicant.

(a) Number and date of visa

(b) Place of issue

(c) Name of issuing authority

(d) Period of authorised residence
specified in the visa.

(e) If extended, please quote authority.

12. Description of immovable property and/or business interests in India.

Place	Brief description of property/ business interests.	At present in possession of

13. Details of family members who are staying in India with the applicant.

Serial No.	Name	Present address	Relationship	Age

14. Details of members of family left in a country other than India.

Serial. No.	Name	Present address	Relation- ship	Age

PART II

15. (a) Profession or occupation while residing in Pakistan.

(b) whether applicant is/was in employment under the Central or any Provincial or State Government of Pakistan, if so, the capacity in which he/she/is/was employed.

16. Whether the applicant at any time applied for the grant of any long term visa for India for permanent resettlement in India, if so, with what result.

17. Whether the applicant was, at the time of partition residing in territory now included in Pakistan or India (Give full address).

If the latter, state

(a) the date of migrating from India ;

(b) the circumstances in which applicant left India for Pakistan.

18. Place (s) of residence in India prior to migration.

From	To	Place of residence and address
(a)		
(b)		
(c)		
(d)		

19. Description of immovable property and/or business interests in Pakistan owned or acquired by or allotted to applicant or to any person with whom he has joint property or partnership or who is his employee or agent for purposes of ownership of allotment.

Place	Brief description of property/ business interest	At present in possession of

20. Whether the property shown in item 12 or 19 has been treated as evacuee property.

21. Whether the applicant has at any time been convicted for contravention of Passport/Permit Regulations or any other offence. If so, full details to be given.

22. Civil or criminal proceedings pending against applicant in (1) India and (2) Pakistan [Full details to be given].

PART III

23 I have/have not previously renounced or been deprived of the Citizenship of India.

[If the applicant has renounced his or her Indian Citizenship, here state the date on which the declaration of renunciation was made ; or if he or she has been deprived of his or her citizenship, state the date on which and the authority by whom, the order of deprivation was made.]

24. I have/have not previously applied for registration as a citizen of India and the application has not been rejected.

25. Names and full addresses of two references in India to whom the applicant is well known.

(1)
(2)

26. I declare that my intention is to make India my permanent home; and I hereby apply to be registered as a citizen of India.

I, A-B do solemnly and sincerely declare that the foregoing particulars stated in this application are true, and I make this solemn declaration conscientiously believing the same to be true.

Signature

Made and subscribed this.....day of.....
.....19..... before me.

*Signature

*Designation

I, the undersigned, hereby state that I am an Indian Citizen otherwise than by naturalisation; that I am a householder; and that I am not the solicitor or agent of— I vouch for the correctness of the statements made by— in his application for—

Date

Signature.....

Name (in BLOCK LETTERS)

Full postal address

I, A-B..... do solemnly affirm (or swear) that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the Constitution of India as by law established, and that I will faithfully observe the laws of India and fulfil my duties as a citizen of India.

Signature

Affirmed/Sworn and subscribed this— day of— 19 , before me.

*Signature.....

*Designation.....

*Signature and designation of the officer authorised under rule 28 of the Citizenship rules, 1956, before whom the registration, declaration or oath of allegiance is made or taken.

FORM II

(See rule 4)

CITIZENSHIP ACT, 1955—SECTION 5(1) (c)

Application for registration as a citizen of India under section 5(1)(c) of the Act made by a woman who is/has been married to a citizen of India.

1. I, A-B of [here insert address of applicant] was born at..... on.....
2. My father's full name is/was..... and he was born at.....
3. I was married at..... on..... to C-D [here insert full name of husband] of/late of [here insert husband's address, or last address if he is deceased.]
4. My husband was born at..... on.....
5. My husband's father's full name is/was..... and he was born at..... on.....
6. My marriage is still subsisting/has terminated by reason of.....
[If the marriage is not subsisting, state whether it was terminated by the husband's death or by divorce].

7. My husband is/was a citizen of India by reason of the fact that

[Here state the grounds on which it is claimed that the applicant's husband is or was a citizen of India].

8. I have resided in India or been in the service of a Government in India or partly the one and partly the other, throughout the period of twelve months immediately preceding the date of application.

Details of residence	From date	To date	Address and/or details of service under Government in India

9. I have renounced/lost the citizenship of my country in accordance with the law therein in force in that behalf.

[Here list the documents attached to prove the fact of such renunciation.]

10. I undertake that I will renounce the citizenship of my country in the event of my application being sanctioned.

11. I have contracted the following other marriages :—

[Here state place and date of marriage and name and nationality or citizenship of husband in each case].

12. I have/have not previously renounced or been deprived of the citizenship of India.

[If the applicant has renounced her Indian citizenship, here state the date on which the declaration of renunciation was made; and if she has been deprived of her citizenship, state the date on which and the authority by whom, the order of deprivation was made]

13. I hereby apply to be registered as a citizen of India.

14. I, A-B, do solemnly and sincerely declare that the foregoing particulars stated in this application are true, and I make this solemn declaration conscientiously believing the same to be true.

Signature.....

Made and subscribed this day of
19 , before me.

*Signature

*Designation

*Signature and designation of the officer authorised under rule 28 of the Citizenship rules, 1956, before whom the registration, declaration or oath of allegiance is made or taken.

I, the undersigned, hereby state that I am an Indian citizen otherwise than by naturalisation ; that I am a householder ; and that I am not the solicitor or agent of.....I vouch for the correctness of the statements made by..... in her application for.....

Date..... Signature.....
 Name (in BLOCK LETTERS).....
 Full postal address.....

Oath of allegiance

I, A-B, do solemnly affirm (or swear) that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the Constitution of India as by law established, and that I will faithfully observe the laws of India and fulfil my duties as a citizen of India.

Signature

Affirmed/Sworn and subscribed this.....day of
19 , before me.

*Signature

*Designation

*Signature and designation of the officer authorised under rule 28 of the Citizenship rules, 1956, before whom the registration, declaration or oath of allegiance is made or taken.

This form when completed should be forwarded in triplicate to the Chief Secretary to the Government of the State in which the applicant is resident.

FORM III

(See rule 5)

CITIZENSHIP ACT, 1955—SECTION 5(1) (d)

Application for the registration of a minor child.

1. Full name of the minor child.
 (in BLOCK LETTERS)

If he/she has been known by another name, enter that name here.

Present address.

Place and date of birth.

2. Father's full name
(in BLOCK LETTERS)

Mother's full name
(in BLOCK LETTERS)

*Grounds on which applicant's
parents claim Indian Citizen-
ship.

3. Minor's period of residence in India :—

With whom residing	From date	To date	Address

Application

I,..... am a citizen of India and a parent
guardian of.....
to whom the foregoing particulars relate. I hereby apply on behalf of my/the
child for his/her registration as a citizen of India.

Date.....

Signature of applicant.

I, the undersigned, hereby state that I am an Indian Citizen otherwise than
by naturalisation; that I am a householder; and that I am not the solicitor
or agent of..... I vouch for the correct-
ness of the statements made by.....in his application for.....

Date.....

Signature.....

Name (in BLOCK LETTERS).....

Full postal address

.....

Declaration

I, A-B, do solemnly and sincerely declare that the foregoing particulars stated in the application are true and I make this solemn declaration conscientiously believing the same to be true.

Signature.....
Date.....

Made and subscribed this.....day.....
.....19 , before me.

Signature.....

†Designation

*If a citizen of India by registration or naturalisation, please refer to the number and date of the certificate of registration or naturalisation as the case may be.

†The designation of the officer signing should be written here in his hand.

This form when completed should be forwarded in triplicate to the Chief Secretary to the Government of the state in which the applicant is resident.

FORM IV

[See rule 6]

CITIZENSHIP ACT, 1955—SECTION 5(4)

Application for the registration of a minor child.

1. Full name of the minor child in
country of origin.
(in BLOCK LETTERS) _____

If he/she has been known by another name, enter that name here. _____

Present address _____

Occupation _____

Place and date of birth _____

Nationality or citizenship at birth _____

Present nationality if different _____

If stateless, say how nationality was lost _____

2. Father's full name in his country
of origin
(in BLOCK LETTERS)

Nationality or citizenship

Country of origin

Mother's full name in her country
of origin
(in BLOCK LETTERS)

Nationality or citizenship

Country of origin

3. Particulars of residence with
address

	From date	To date	Years	Months
(a) India				
(b) Other countries.				

The minor's intentions with regard to future residence if this application is granted, are as follows

4. Approximate date of any pre-
vious application for naturalisa-
tion or registration.

Reference number, if known

Particulars of any change of nationality or of citizenship since birth.

Nationality or citizenship acquired.	Date acquired

Reasons for and the manner of change of nationality or citizenship.

5. Details of all proceedings of any kind (civil or criminal) taken against the minor in Court of law.

Nature	Date	Place	Result

6. The minor's knowledge of a principal Indian language (to be mentioned) is slight/fair/good/excellent.

7. Reasons for which the applicant desires to acquire Citizenship of India

8. Names and particulars of near relations in India

Serial No.	Name	Present address	Relationship	Age

APPLICATION

(Complete either (a) or (b) or (c) or (d) of this portion of application and cross out whichever sections are inappropriate.)

The minor child

- (a) I,
the minor child to whom the foregoing particulars relate, hereby apply for registration as a citizen of India and attach the consent of my parent/guardian to this application.

The parent who is citizen of India

- (b) I,
am a citizen of India and a parent of
to whom the foregoing particulars relate. I hereby apply on behalf of my child for his/her registration as a citizen of India.

The parent who is not a citizen of India

- (c) I,
am a parent of
to whom the foregoing particulars relate and am a national/citizen of the State of and I hereby apply on behalf of for his/her registration as a citizen of India.

The guardian

- (d) I,
am the (sole) natural/appointed guardian of
to whom the foregoing particulars relate, who has no living parent/whose parent or parents are living and resident in
I am duly authorised by the Court or by the minor child's father (or mother in the event of his death) whose consent is attached, and I hereby apply on behalf of
for his/her registration as a citizen of India.

The reasons for this application are.....
.....

Date, 19 .

Signature of applicant.

Declaration

I do solemnly and sincerely declare that the particulars stated in this application are true and I undertake to inform the Secretary immediately, if, before the registration now applied for is effected the particulars given above require amendment, in consequence of any change in (a) my circumstances : (b) the circumstances of the minor child, and I make this solemn declaration conscientiously believing the same to be true.

Signature of applicant.....

Minor child/Parent/Guardian.

Made and subscribed this

day of 19 . before me.....

Signature and designation of the
officer authorised under rule 28
of the Citizenship Rules, 1956
before whom the registration,
declaration or oath of allegi-
ance is made or taken.

I, the undersigned hereby state that I am a householder and an Indian citizen otherwise than by naturalisation. I am not the solicitor or agent of and I vouch for his/her good character and loyalty.

I support this application from personal knowledge of and intimate acquaint-
tance with the applicant for years.

Date..... 19 .

Signature

Name (IN BLOCK LETTERS).....

Full postal address.....

2. I, the undersigned hereby state that I am a householder and an Indian citizen otherwise than by naturalisation. I am not the solicitor or agent of and I vouch for his/her good character and loyalty. I support this application from personal knowledge of and intimate acquaintance with the applicant for years.

Date..... 19 .

Signature

Name (IN BLOCK LETTERS).....

Full postal address.....

FORM V

(See rule 10)

Certificate of Registration

No.

Name of registering authority

place

This is to certify that the person whose particulars are given below has been registered by me as a citizen of India under the provisions of section 5(1) (a)/(d) of the Citizenship Act, 1955.

1. Name
2. Name of father/mother or husband.
3. Place of birth

4. Age
5. Present address.
6. Special peculiarities and identification marks.
7. Occupation.

Signature } of registering
Designation } authority.

(Seal)

Signature/thumb impression of the grantee made in the presence of the issuing authority.

Date and place of issue.

FORM VI

[(See rules 10(2) and 27)]

CITIZENSHIP ACT, 1955

Certified that
whose particulars and photograph are furnished below, has *prima facie* satisfied the conditions laid down in the Constitution of India and is accordingly recognised as a citizen of India.

Particulars.

Age.....	Name and Surname (in Block letters)).....
Height	Date of birth.....
Hair	Nationality of origin
Eyes	Surname and forenames of father (in Block letters).....
Special peculiarities and identification marks.....	Occupation or profession.....
	Present residence in India.....

PHOTOGRAPH

Signature of the grantee made
in the presence of the issuing authority

Date and place of issue.

Signature and designation of the
issuing authority.

FORM VII—PART I

[See rule 11(a)]

Place _____

Registering authority _____

Serial No.	Name	Father's name	Date of birth	Last permanent address outside India	Date from which resident in India	Present address	Date of registration	*Remarks (nature of evidence produced regarding the eligibility for registration)
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	

*Entries under this column should be sufficiently detailed to facilitate checking at a future date, if necessary. When the evidence is in the form of a certificate, the name and the address of the person signing the certificate should be entered here.

NOTE:—Serial No. in this register should correspond with the number in the registration certificate.

FORM VII—PART II

[See rule 11(c)]

Place _____

Registering authority _____

Serial No.	Name	Father's name	Date of birth	Last permanent address outside India	Date from which resident in India	Present address	Date of rejection	*Remarks (brief reasons why the application has been rejected)
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	

*Entries under this column should be sufficiently detailed to facilitate checking at a future date, if necessary. Once an application is rejected, it should be possible to identify the person, if he again makes an application.

FORM VIII—PART I

[See rule II(b)]

CITIZENSHIP ACT, 1955—Register of minor children registered as Indian citizens under section 5(I) (d).

Serial No.	Name	Father's name	Date of birth	Present address	Date of registration	*Remarks (nature of evidence produced regarding the eligibility for registration)
1	2	3	4	5	6	7

*Entries under this column should be sufficiently detailed to facilitate checking at a future date, if necessary. When the evidence is in the form of a certificate, the name and the address of the person signing the certificate should be entered here.

NOTE :—Serial No. in this register should correspond with the number in the registration certificate.

FORM VIII—PART II

[See rule II(d)]

CITIZENSHIP ACT, 1955—Register of applications of minor children, who apply for registration under section 5(I)(d), which have been rejected.

Serial No.	Name	Father's name	Date of birth	Present address	Date of rejection	*Remarks. (brief reasons why the application has been rejected)
1	2	3	4	5	6	7

*Entries under this column should be sufficiently detailed to facilitate checking at a future date, if necessary. Once an application is rejected, it should be possible to identify the person, if he again makes an application.

FORM IX

[See rule 12(a)]

CITIZENSHIP ACT, 1955 *Register of alien women registered as Indian citizens.*

Serial No.	Full name of applicant and address	Occupation	Place and date of birth	Nationality	Marital State	Full name and address of husband	Whether applicant has formally renounced or lost her former nationality or given an undertaking] in writing to renounce it if application is sanctioned. Reference to documentary evidence furnished to be given	Particulars as to date and place of taking of oath of allegiance and actual issue of certificate	Reference letter from State Govt. forwarding details of application.	Remarks
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FORM X

[See rule 12(b)]

Register of minors registered as Indian citizens under section 5(4).

Serial No.	Full Name of applicant and address	Place and date of birth	Full names and addresses of parents	Full name and address of guardian	Date of registration	Reference to letter from State Govt. forwarding details of application	Remarks
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FORM XI
(See rule 14)

List of persons who have been registered as citizens of India under section 5(1)(a)(d) of the Citizenship Act, 1955, during the quarter ending on the 31st/30th day of March/September June/December 19.....

Serial No.	Name	*Father's/Mother's or husband's name	Age
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*Enter s/o or d/o before father's or mother's name and w/o before husband's name.

NOTE.—Each return should indicate clearly full particulars of the registering authority and place of registration.

This form when completed should be forwarded in triplicate to the Chief Secretary to the Government of the State in which the applicant is resident together with a fee of Rs. 15/- (by Treasury chalan) payable on submission of an application.

FORM XII

PART I

[See rule 17(1)]

Citizenship Act, 1955—SECTION 6(1)

Application by a person for a certificate of naturalisation.

1. Full name of applicant in country of origin. (IN BLOCK LETTERS).....
 If now commonly known by another name, enter such name here.....
 Private address.....
 Occupation.....
 Business address.....
 Place and date of birth.....
 Nationality at birth.....
 Present nationality if different.....
 State if single, married, widower, widow or divorced.....
2. Father's full name in country of origin (IN BLOCK LETTERS).....
 Present address (if living).....
 Present nationality (if dead, give nationality at time of death).....

- Mother's full name in country of origin (IN BLOCK LETTERS)
- Present address (if living)
- Present nationality (if dead give nationality at time of death)
3. Whether the applicant is a subject or citizen of any country where an Indian citizen is prevented by law or practice of that country from becoming a subject or citizen of that country by naturalisation.
4. Principal languages of India known and extent of knowledge thereof with evidence.
5. Statement regarding residence.
- (a) I have resided in India or been in the service of a Government in India or partly the one and partly the other, throughout the period of 12 months immediately preceding the date of this application
- (b) During the seven years immediately preceding the said period of twelve months, I have either resided in India or been in the service of a Government in India or partly the one and partly the other, for periods amounting in the aggregate to not less than 4 years.

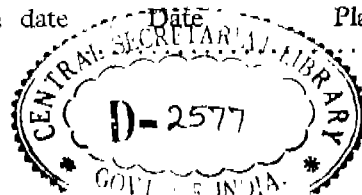
Details of such residence and/or service	From date	To date	Address and/or details of service under a Government in India	Year	Months

If this application is granted, my intention as to future residence, (and/or service under a Government in India) is as follows

6. Reasons for which applicant wishes to acquire Indian Citizenship.
7. Approximate date of any previous application for naturalisation
8. I have renounced the citizenship of my country in accordance with the law therein in force in that behalf
[Here list the documents attached to prove the fact of such renunciation.]
9. If original name has been altered, give particulars
Date of alteration
Give particulars of any other name(s) used for private purposes
Give particulars of any other name(s) used for trading or business purposes.
10. If nationality has changed since birth give circumstances of change.
If now of no nationality give circumstances in which the previous nationality was lost
Give details with dates of foreign countries visited during periods of residence shown in item 5
11. Give details of all proceedings of any kind (civil or criminal) taken against you in Courts of law.

Nature	Date	Place	Result

12. Date of any composition made with creditors
Date of being adjudicated bankrupt
Date of discharge from bankruptcy
13. If married, give date and place of marriage
Husband's or wife's full name before marriage (IN BLOCK LETTERS)
If husband or wife is dead, give date and place of death.
If marriage dissolved give date and place



14. Give particulars of legitimate children

Full name of each child	Date of birth	Place	Where now resident

15. If a woman who was an Indian citizen previous to her marriage, whether her husband has died or whether her marriage has been dissolved

16. Names and addresses of at least two persons whose certificates as to character of applicant have been attached to the application (i)
(ii)

17. I, the undersigned, to whom the foregoing particulars relate, hereby apply to the Secretary to the Government of India in the Ministry of Home Affairs for the grant of a certificate of naturalisation by the Central Government.

Station

Signature

Date

Affidavit to accompany the application for a certificate of naturalisation under the Citizenship Act, 1955.

In the matter of the application.....under the Citizenship Act, 1955, I,.....son of.....residing at.....make oath and say.....do solemnly and sincerely affirm that the statements contained in my application hereunto annexed are true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

If, at any time before a certificate is issued to me, the accuracy of any of the foregoing particulars is affected by an alteration in circumstances, I undertake to inform the Secretary to the Government of India in the Ministry of Home Affairs in writing forthwith.

Station

Signature

Date

This declaration must not be made before a person who is the solicitor or agent of the applicant.

Caution.—Section 17 of the Citizenship Act, 1955, provides that “Any person who, for the purpose of procuring anything to be done or not to be done under this Act, knowingly makes any representation which is false in a material particular shall be punishable with imprisonment for a term which may extend to six months, or with fine, or with both.”

Certificate of Character

(vide item 16)

I, the undersigned, hereby state that I am an Indian citizen otherwise than by naturalisation; that I am a householder; and that I am not the solicitor or agent of.....whose application for naturalisation, I am prepared to support from personal knowledge of, and intimate acquaintance with, the applicant for.....years. I can vouch for his/her good character and loyalty.

Date.....

Signature.....

Name (IN BLOCK LETTERS).....

Full postal address.....

I, the undersigned, hereby state that I am an Indian citizen otherwise than by naturalisation; that I am a householder; and that I am not the solicitor or agent of.....whose application for naturalisation, I am prepared to support from personal knowledge of, and intimate acquaintance with, the applicant for.....years. I can vouch for his/her good character and loyalty.

Date.....

Signature.....

Name (IN BLOCK LETTERS).....

Full postal address.....

Copies of two issues (in triplicate) of a newspaper or newspapers circulating in the district in which the applicant resides, each containing (clearly marked) an advertisement in the following form should accompany the application.

“Notice is hereby given that.....of.....is applying to the Secretary to the Government of India in the Ministry of Home Affairs for naturalisation, and that any person who knows any reason why naturalisation should not be granted should send a written signed statement of the facts to the said Secretary.”

FORM XIII

(See rule 18)

CITIZENSHIP ACT, 1955

Certificate of Naturalisation

Whereas A-B has applied for a certificate of naturalisation, alleging with respect to himself (herself) the particulars set out below, and has satisfied the Government that the condition laid down in the abovementioned Act for the grant of naturalisation are fulfilled in the said A-B's case.

Now, therefore, in pursuance of the powers conferred by the said Act, the Government hereby grants to the said A-B this certificate of naturalisation, and declares that, upon taking the oath of allegiance within the time and in the manner required by the rules made in that behalf he/she shall, subject to the provisions of the said Act, be entitled to all political and other rights, powers and privileges, and be subject to all obligations, duties and liabilities to which an Indian citizen is entitled or subject, and have to all intents and purposes the status of an Indian citizen.

In witness whereof I have hereto subscribed my name this day of

Signed

Secretary
Joint Secretary }

to the Government of India
Ministry of Home Affairs.

Particulars

Full name

Address

Profession or occupation

Place and date of birth

Nationality

Single, married, etc.

Name of wife or husband

Names and nationalities of parents

.....

Oath of allegiance

I, A-B, do solemnly affirm (or swear) that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the Constitution of India as by law established, and that I will faithfully observe the laws of India and fulfil my duties as a citizen of India.

Signature

Designation

Affirmed/Sworn and subscribed thisday of 19 , before me .

*Signature

*Designation

*Signature and designation of the officer authorised under rule 28 of the Citizenship Rules, 1956, before whom the registration, declaration or oath of allegiance is made or taken.

FORM XIV

[See rule 19(2)]

CITIZENSHIP ACT, 1955

Register of certificates of Naturalisation and Oaths of Allegiance

Serial No.	Full name and add- ress	Profession or occu- pation.	Place and date of birth.	Previous nation- ality.	Married, single, widower, widow, divorced.	Full name ¹ of wife/ husband.	Full names of parents.	Date of certificate as signed and sent to the State Govt.	Attest- ation by Secretary/ Joint Sec- retary, Ministry of Home Affairs.	Particu- lars as to date & place of taking of oath of allegiance and actual issue of Certifica- ate.	Referen- ces to letter from State Govt. forwarding details of appli- cation.	Remarks
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13

This form when completed should be forwarded in triplicate to the Chief Secretary to the Government of the State in which the applicant is resident.

FORM XV

(See rule 20)

CITIZENSHIP ACT, 1955—SECTION 8

Declaration of intention to resume Indian Citizenship under section 8(a) of the Act made by a person who has ceased to be an Indian citizen on the loss of Indian citizenship by his father in accordance with the provisions of section 8(1) of the Act.

1. I, A-B, of [here insert address of declarant] was born at.....
.....on.....

2. My father's full name is/was.....

3. I ceased to be an Indian citizen by virtue of sub-section (1) of section 8 of the Citizenship Act, 1955, on.....by reason of the fact that

[Here state the cause whereby the declarant's father and the declarant ceased to be Indian citizens, the year and date in which they ceased to be Indian citizens and all other relevant information].

4. If I had not so ceased to be an Indian citizen, I should now be an Indian citizen by reason of the fact that

[Here state the grounds on which the declarant claims that he or she would have been such a citizen].

5. I hereby declare my intention to resume Indian citizenship and apply to the Central Government to register this declaration.

I, A-B, do solemnly and sincerely declare that the foregoing particulars stated in this declaration are true, and I make this solemn declaration conscientiously believing the same to be true.

Signature.....

I, the undersigned, hereby state that I am an Indian citizen otherwise than by naturalization; that I am a house-holder and that I am not the solicitor or agent of..... I vouch for the correctness of the statements made by..... in his application for.....

Date.....

Signature.....

Name (in BLOCK LETTERS).....

Full postal address.....

Oath of allegiance

I, A-B, do solemnly affirm (or swear) that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the Constitution of India as by law established, and that I will faithfully observe the laws of India and fulfil my duties as a citizen of India.

Signature.....

Designation.....

Affirmed/Sworn and subscribed this.....day of 19 ,
before me.

*Signature

*Designation

Particulars

Full name.....

Address.....

Profession or occupation

Place and date of birth

Nationality

Single, married, etc.

Name of wife or husband

Names and nationalities of parents

.....

Names and particulars of minor children, if any.....

.....

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*Signature and designation of the officer authorised under rule 28 of the Citizenship Rules, 1956 before whom the registration, declaration or oath of allegiance is made or taken.

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GAZETTE OF INDIA EXTRAORDINARY. MAY 1931

this form when completed should be forwarded in triplicate to the Chief Secretary to the Government of the State in which the applicant is resident.

FORM XVII

[See rule 21(1)]

CITIZENSHIP ACT, 1955, SECTION 8.

Declaration of renunciation of citizenship under section 8 of the Act made by a citizen of India who is also a citizen or national of another country.

1. I, A-B, of [here insert address of declarant] am of full capacity and was born at.....
on.....

2. I have/have not been married.

3. I am a citizen/national of.....under the law of that country.

4. I hereby renounce my citizenship of India.

I, A—B, do solemnly and sincerely declare that the foregoing particulars stated in this declaration are true, and I make this solemn declaration conscientiously believing the same to be true.

Signature.....

Made and subscribed this.....day of.....
19 , before me.

*Signature

*Designation

*Signature and designation of the officer authorised under rule 28 of the Citizenship Rules, 1956, before whom the registration, declaration or oath of allegiance is made or taken.

Particulars

Full name.....

Address.....

Profession or occupation.....

Place and date of birth.....

(Second) Nationality.....

Single, married, etc.....

Name of wife or husband.....

Names and nationalities of parents.....

Names and full particulars of children, if any.....

I, the undersigned, hereby state that I am an Indian citizen otherwise than by naturalisation ; that I am householder; and that I am not the solicitor or agent of.....
I vouch for the correctness of the statements made by.....
.....in his application
for.....

Date.....

Signature.....

Name (in Block letters).....

Full postal address.....

SCHEDULE II

(See rule 25)

1. (1) When the Central Government refers the case of a citizen of India to a Committee of Inquiry under sub-section (3) of section 10 (which relates to deprivation of citizenship of India), the Committee of Inquiry (in this Schedule referred to as "the Committee") shall before holding the inquiry, cause notice to be given to the person to whom the inquiry relates, stating the time and the place where it will be held and the nature thereof and informing him that he will be entitled to be present and/or to be represented by counsel or solicitor, or if the Committee think fit, by some other person approved by them.

(2) A notice under this rule may be given,

(a) in a case where the address of the person concerned is known, by causing the notice to be delivered to him personally or by sending it to him at the address by post;

(b) in a case where that person's address is not known, by sending it to his last known address and in such manner, if any, as the Chairman of the Committee shall consider fit.

(3) A notice as aforesaid shall be given such time (not being less than 30 days) before the holding of the inquiry as the Chairman of the Committee shall consider reasonably necessary.

2. A notice under paragraph 1 may require the person concerned to answer it in writing and to furnish in writing to the Committee any information which they consider material, to be verified in such manner as they may require.

3. (1) The Committee shall have all the powers of a Civil Court for the purpose of taking evidence on oath, enforcing the attendance of witnesses, issuing commissions for the examination of witnesses, and compelling the production of documents.

(2) The Committee shall be deemed to be a Civil Court for all the purposes of section 195 and Chapter XXV of the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1898 (V of 1898).

4. The Committee may act upon any information which is available whether or not such information is given on oath or would be admissible as evidence in a court.

5. The Committee may invite any Government department or Ministry of the Government of India which appears to them to be interested to appoint a person to represent the department or Ministry at the inquiry.

6. (1) The Committee may act notwithstanding any vacancy in their number, and the quorum of the Committee shall be two.

(2) The Committee may delegate one or more of their members to inquire into any particular matter relating to the inquiry, and the member or members so delegated shall, for this purpose, have all the powers of the Committee under sub-paragraph (1) of paragraph 3.

7. The Committee may postpone or adjourn the inquiry from time to time.

8. The Committee may allow or refuse to allow the public or any portion thereof to be present during the whole or any part of the inquiry.

9. Subject to the foregoing paragraphs, the procedure at the inquiry shall be such as the Committee may determine.

SCHEDULE III

[See rule 30(2)]

1. Where it appears to the Central Government that a citizen of India has voluntarily acquired the citizenship of any other country, it may require him to prove within such period as may be fixed by it in this behalf, that he has not voluntarily acquired the citizenship of that country; and the burden of proving that he has not so acquired such citizenship shall be on him.

2. For the purpose of determining any question relating to the acquisition by an Indian citizen of the citizenship of any other country, the Central Government may make such reference as it thinks fit in respect of that question or of any matter relating thereto, to its Embassy in that country or to the Government of that country and act on any report or information received in pursuance of such reference.

3. The fact that a citizen of India has obtained on any date a passport from the Government of any other country shall be conclusive proof of his having voluntarily acquired the citizenship of that country before that date.

4. In determining whether a citizen of India has or has not voluntarily acquired the citizenship of any other country, the Central Government may take the following circumstances into consideration, namely :—

- (a) whether the person has migrated to that country with the intention of making it his permanent home;
- (b) whether he has in fact taken up permanent residence in that country; and
- (c) any other circumstances relevant to the purpose.

5. Notwithstanding anything contained in paragraph 4, a citizen of India shall be deemed to have voluntarily acquired the citizenship of Pakistan—

- (a) if he has migrated to Pakistan with the intention of making it his permanent home; or
- (b) if he has obtained any certificate of domicile in Pakistan or declared himself to be a citizen of Pakistan or of Pakistan domicile; or
- (c) if he has applied for and obtained, a right, title or interest in evacuee property in Pakistan; or
- (d) if he has obtained a temporary permit for entry into India from Pakistan.

Explanation.—For the purpose of clause (a) of this paragraph, a person shall not be deemed to have migrated to Pakistan with a view to making that country his permanent home—

- (i) if he has left for a place in West Pakistan with a “no objection certificate” and has returned to India under such permit for permanent return or resettlement as may have been issued by or under the authority of any law in force in India or of the Government of India, or
- (ii) if having left India at any time between the 1st February, 1950 and the 15th October, 1952, for a place in West Pakistan, he has returned to India with a repatriation certificate issued by or under the authority of any law in force in India or of the Government of India.

SCHEDULE IV

[See rule 31(1)]

Table of Fees

Matter in which fee is to be taken	Amount of fee— Rupees
Registration as a citizen under section 5 of the Citizenship Act, 1955 of :—	
(i) Alien woman—5(1)(c)	50 0 0
(ii) Minor child 5(1)(d)	10 0 0
(iii) Any other minor 5(4)	50 0 0
Grant of a certificate of naturalisation	100 0 0
Grant of a certificate of citizenship in case of doubt	25 0 0
Witnessing the signing of an application or declaration mentioned in Rule 18 of these rules.	} 8 12 0
Administering the oath of allegiance	
Registration of a declaration of intention to resume Indian Citizenship or of renunciation of Citizenship	25 0 0
Supplying a certified true copy of any notice, certificate, order, declaration, or entry given, granted or made by or under the Citizenship Act, 1955	10 0 0
Supplying a certified true copy of a certificate of naturalisation	15 0 0

[No. 2/4/56-IC.]

A. V. PAI, Secy.

